# RECEIVED CENTRAL FAX CENTER

OCT 0 5 2006



AN INTERNATIONAL INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW FIRM

**FAX TRANSMISSION** 

October 5, 2006

TO:

Commissioner for

FROM:

Douglas P. Mueller

**Patents** 

MS AMENDMENT Attn: YUKAWA et al. Patent Examining Corps

Facsimile Center

OUR REF:

10873.1819USWO

Washington, D.C. 20231

TELEPHONE: (612) 455.3800

Total pages, including cover letter:

PTO FAX NUMBER: 571.273.8300

If all pages are NOT received, please call us at 612.455.3800 or fax us at 612.455.3801.

Documents transmitted: SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT, FORM 1449, 2 REFERENCES, EP SEARCH REPORT DATED JULY 12, 2006.

Applicant:

YUKAWA et al.

Serial No.:

10/567,259 February 6, 2006

App. Filed: Group Art No.: 2872

Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to deposit account 50-3478.

Please consider this a PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME for a sufficient

number of months to enter these papers, if appropriate

Bv: Name: Donglas P. Mueller

Reg. No.: \$0,300

I hereby certify that this paper is being transmitted by facsimile to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on the date shown below.

Nicole E. Landfee

Signature

October 5, 2006

Date

225 SOUTH SIXTH STREET - SUITE 2650 - MINNEAPOLIS - MN 55402 TEL 612.455.3800 · FAX 612.455.3801 WWW.HSML.COM · MAIL@HSML.COM

PECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER

### IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

OCT 0 5 2006

Applicant: YUKAWA et al. Examiner: unknown
Serial No.: 10/567259 Group Art Unit: 2872

Filed: February 6, 2006 Docket: 10873.1819USWO

Title: RETROREFLECTIVE SHEET AND EXTERNAL ILLUMINATION

SYSTEM

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.6(d): 1	hereby certify that this paper is	s being transmitted by	facsimile to the
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on OCT	OBER 5, 2006.		
_	. Allah	Jan L.	
		- con	
ì	Name: NICOLE LANDREE		

#### SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner. Copies of any foreign patent documents or "Other Documents" are enclosed.

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.97, this statement is being filed (CHECK ONE):

(	BER GIVE).
$\boxtimes$	(1) within three (3) months of the Filing Date, before the mailing date of a First Office Action on the merits, or before the mailing date of a First Office Action on the merits after the filing of a request for continued examination under 37 C.F.R. §1.114; or
	(2) after the period defined in (1) but before the mailing date of a Final Rejection or Notice of Allowance, and
	the requisite Statement is below, OR
	the requisite fee of \$180.00 under Rule 1.17(p) is included herein, or
	(3) after the mailing date of a Final Rejection or Notice of Allowance but on or before the payment of the Issue Fee, AND

Page 3/8

					c	RECEIVED ENTRAL FAX CENTER
		the r	requisite Statement	is below, AND		OCT 0 5 2006.
		the r	requisite fee of \$180	0.00 under Rule 1.17	(p) is included her	rein.
				STATEMENT		
	A	s requ	aired under §1.97(e)	), Applicants hereby	state either that:	
	$\boxtimes$	1.	Statement was firs	mation contained in to t cited in a communi- reign application not the Information Disclo	cation from a fore more than three r	ign patent office nonths prior to
		2.	Statement was cite counterpart foreign signing this Staten information contain known to any indi-	ation contained in the ed in a communication application, and to nent after making rea ned in the Information vidual designated in of the Information Di	n from a foreign p the knowledge of sonable inquiry, n on Disclosure Stat §1.56(c) more tha	patent office in a the person to item of ement was n three months
	If th	is box	x is checked, Applic	cant provides the foll	owing:	
			Certificat	ion Under 37 C.F.R	. §1.704(d)	
In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.704(d), the undersigned hereby certifies that each item listed on the enclosed Form 1449 was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart application, and that this communication was not received by any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(c) more than thirty (30) days prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.						
The Examiner is hereby advised of the following co-pending U.S. applications. A copy of each U.S. patent application publication (if published) or application (if not published) is enclosed.						
		App	lication No.	Filing Date	<u>Group</u>	

No representation is made that a reference is "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 and Applicants reserve the right, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 or otherwise, to establish that the reference(s) are not "prior art." Moreover, Applicants do not represent that a reference has been thoroughly reviewed or that any relevance of any portion of a reference is intended.

Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

# RECEIVED CENTRAL FAX CENTER

OCT 0 5 2006

## **FEE AUTHORIZATION**

Should any fee associated with the submission of this paper not be attached hereto as a check, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the missing fee to our Deposit Account, No. 50-3478. Any overpayments should be credited to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

HAMRE, SCHUMANN, MUELLER &

LARSON, P.C.

Post Office Box 2902

Minneapolis, MN 55402-0902

(612) 455-3800

Dated: October 5, 2006

By

Douglas P. Mueller Reg. No. 30,300

DPM:nel

RECEIVED

Date: OCTOBER 5, 2006

Sheet 1 of 1 CENTRAL FAX CENTER

FORM 1449* SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT	Docket Number: Application NJ Get: 0 5 2006 10873.1819USWO 10/567,259			
IN AN APPLICATION	Applicant: YUKAWA et al.			
(Use several sheets if necessary)	Filing Date: February 6, 2006	Group Art Unit: 2872		

		U.S. PA	ATENT DOCUMENT	\$	<b>,</b>		
EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILINC IF APPRO	DATE OPRIATE
	3,493,286	1970.2.3	BACON, JR.				
	4,664,966	1987.5.12	BAILEY et al.				
			-				
		FOREIGN	I PATENT DOCUME	NTS			
	DOCUMENT NO. DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION		
						YES	NO
······································							
<del></del>	OTHER	DOCUMENTS (Inc.)	luding Author, Title, Da	ate. Pertinent I	Pages, Etc.)		
					J3		
			<del></del> -	·			

52835

EXAMINER	DATE CONSIDERED

EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form for next communication to the Applicant.

Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

<sup>\*</sup>Substitute Disclosure Statement Form (PTO-1449)